

Main Street Bridge and South 2nd Street Between West Rich and West Mound Streets To Open To Two-way Traffic

The Main Street Bridge and South 2nd Street between West Rich and West Mound Streets will open to two-way traffic Friday, May 27. The Main Street Bridge has been restricted to one-way eastbound traffic since it opened July 30, 2010, because of RiverSouth and Scioto Mile construction projects on the east side of the Scioto River.

“Two-way traffic on the Main Street Bridge is the next step in reconnecting Franklinton with Downtown, making it easier for residents to travel to and from work and entertainment,” said Mayor Coleman. “Two-way traffic on the bridge will also spur residential and economic development in Franklinton and the RiverSouth area.”

South 2nd Street’s conversion to two-way traffic between West Rich and West Mound Streets completes a switch to two-way traffic up along the east bank of Scioto River up to West Broad Street. Civic Center Drive between West Broad and West Rich Streets was converted to two-way traffic in 2009. Both Civic Center Drive and South 2nd Street were one-way southbound before the construction. The conversion to two-way traffic will make travel across the Main Street Bridge and on the east side of the river more convenient.

“The summer months will see an explosion in the number of people and events in Downtown Columbus, so having these projects completed will make it easier for our residents and visitors to enjoy our new parks and attractions,” said Councilmember Eileen Y. Paley, chair of the Public Service and Transportation Committee.

The Main Street Bridge and improvements to South 2nd Street were funded through a federal, state and local partnership. The Ohio Department of Transportation managed the construction phase of the projects.

Sidewalks on both sides of West Main Street between South 2nd Street and the Main Street Bridge, and on the east side of South 2nd Street between West Rich and West Mound Streets also will open today. The sidewalk on the west side of South 2nd Street between West Rich and West Mound Streets is scheduled to open in mid-June.

The following streets will open to two-way traffic in November following completion of RiverSouth, Phase 2, construction:

- South Front Street, between West Rich and West Mound Streets
- West Main Street, between South High Street and South 2nd Streets
- West Rich Street, between South High Street and South 2nd Streets
- South Front Street, between West Town and West Mound Streets

South Front Street between West Broad and West Town Streets was converted to two-way traffic in 2009.